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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3404

DEPT OF AGRICULTURE PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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STATE FOR NEA/ARN, P. BULLEN

AGRICULTURE FOR FAS, LEO D. WALLACE

BEIRUT FOR AGATT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, SY

SUBJ: PL 480 TITLE I WHEAT TENDER RE-ISSUED

REF: STATE 108902 (DAMASCUS REPEATED TO BEIRUT)

1. SUMMARY. SYRIAN CEREALS OFFICE (OGCM) HAS RETENDERED FOR WHEAT UNDER SUBJECT AGREEMENT, PER OGCM TELEX PROVIDED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. UPON RECEIPT REFTTEL, ECONOFF MET MAY 10 WITH OGCM FOREIGN MARKETING DIRECTOR MUNIR AND OGCM TRANSLATOR SABBAGH. DURING DISCUSSION, SYRIANS AGREED TO TENDER DATES SUGGESTED BY USDA, SAID THEY WERE AWARE OF "THOSE TENDER CLAUSES TO WHICH PREVIOUS BIDDERS TOOK EXCEPTION" (ABOUT WHICH WE ARE UNAWARE), AND ASKED IF DELIVERY FAS COULD BE EXTENDED TO JULY 31. ECONOFF EXPLAINED DIFFICULTIES DELIVERY EXTENSION WOULD CREATE: UMR PERIOD IN FISCAL YEAR, USDA BUDGETTING IN FY, AND FACT SOME LARGE COMMODITY COMPANIES INFORM US THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO MEET JUNE 30 FAS DEADLINE. MUNIR INSISTED,  
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HOWEVER, THAT USDA BE INFORMED OF OGCM REQUEST IN THIS

REGARD; HE DID AGREE NOT RPT NOT TO INDICATE DELAYED DELIVERY IN RETENDER AND ALSO AGREED TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THIS QUESTION FOLLOWING BID OPENING AND AWARD. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE USDA GUIDANCE ON THIS REQUEST.

3. ECONOFF ALSO STRESSED THERE SHOULD BE NO NEGOTIATIONS AFTER RECEIPT OF BIDS AND THAT BIDDING PROCESS SHOULD BE COMPETITIVE. ECONOFF ASKED WHY AWARD MADE APRIL 30 TO FIRM WHICH HAD NOT MET TWO PERCENT PROVISIONAL GUARANTEE PROVISION OF TENDER (SECTION 1 B). MUNIR SAID 13 OUT OF 14 FIRMS THAT BID LAST TIME HAD NOT MET THIS REQUIREMENT. ECONOFF STRESSED JUST AS FIRMS SHOULD MEET REQUIREMENTS OF TENDER, SO SHOULD OGCM FOLLOW SUCH CONDITIONS. IN INFORMING TRADE OF NEW TENDER, WE SUGGEST USDA STRESS THIS ASPECT.

4. TEXT OF OGCM TELEX SENT TO FIRMS MAY 10 FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

TLX NO. 7257/S/992/4/1

TENDER POINT OF OUR EARLIER NOTICE NO. 6404/S/863/4/1 DATED 24/4/75 CONSIDERED FAILURE STOP SUBMIT YOUR BIDS ON SAME CONDITIONS OF OUR ABOVE NOTICE WITH EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

1) DELETE ITEM (C) OF CLAUSE 1 OF ARTICLE 4 OF NOTICE CONCERNING CROP);

2) DELIVERY AS OF 26/5/75 TILL 30/6/75;

3) CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMITTING BIDS TILL 0700 HOURS A.M. DAMASCUS LOCAL TIME ON WEDNESDAY 14/5/75 AND AWARD LATEST AT 2400 HOURS THURSDAY 15/5/75 DAMASCUS LOCAL TIME STOP REGARDS.

ORGANISME CEREALES DIRECTOR GENERAL NADIMIBRAHIM DAMASCUS 10/5/1975. UNQUOTE.  
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